



## Orphan Grain Train

### Good Tidings

News *-for and about -*

OGT Maryland

January, 2025



*We wish all of our  
volunteers and supporters  
a Happy and Healthy*

*New Year!*

## Annual Shipping Report

Have you been wondering what OGT Maryland accomplished last year? Then check out the shipping report below. It is interesting to note that 58% of distributed goods were sent to our foreign constituents, while 42% were given to the needy here in the United States. As you can see, OGT Maryland continues to make a positive impact around the world!

ANNUAL  
SHIPPING  
REPORT

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MARYLAND BRANCH

CALENDAR  
YEAR  
2024

## INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS

SOUTH SUDAN  
CAMEROON  
LIBERIA

## DOMESTIC SHIPMENTS

BALTIMORE LUTHERAN MISSIONS (MD)  
CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT (KY)  
PROJECT CURE (PA)  
HAZEL GREEN FOOD PROJECT (KY)  
FAITH & WORKS (MD)  
LOCAL PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS (MD)  
DISASTER RELIEF (NC)

## DOMESTIC / FOREIGN TRANSFERS

UKRAINE  
GHANA  
SRI LANKA

### BY THE NUMBERS

CONTAINERS	VOLUME	PALLETS	WEIGHT	PIECE COUNT	VALUE
8 Equivalent	20,900 Cubic Feet	160 Equivalent	212,104 Pounds	12,229	\$1,466,463 USD

Our cadence for CY2024 was to ship every 40 days. These figures do not include what articles left the warehouse via the Medical Walkout program. Praise God for all these donations which flowed into the warehouse for our purpose - to serve as the Hands and Feet of our Savior locally, domestically, and on foreign soil...

## OGT Volunteers Enjoy Dinner and Fellowship at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral



On Sunday, January 12, many of our OGT volunteers experienced a special treat. Members of St. Andrew' Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral and Humanitarian Center hosted an ethnic dinner for us at the center. Before the meal we received a tour of the church and, after, watched some heart-rendering videos of Ukrainian recipients thanking us for our support. We have sent Luci Lights, medical supplies and equipment, and money for prayer books. In the videos, one of the recipients told us, "Your lights and gifts told us we are not alone." Another said, in response to the Luci Lights, "Light lights our hearts and warms our souls."

As you recall, in 2022, we collected money and were able to purchase over 5,000 Luci Lights that we delivered to the Center and they shipped for us. We are thankful that, weekly, some of our volunteers, (Margie Davis and her crew!) come up from Silver Spring to work at the Warehouse. When they return, they take carloads of medical supplies down to St. Andrew's for us. We are thankful to Father Steliac and

his wife Marta, as well as all of the volunteers at the Center, for their partnership with us.

## Helping the Orphans of Ukraine

Last October, Alla, a young woman from Ukraine, spoke to OGT supporters at the warehouse. She herself grew up in an orphanage in Ukraine and today she and her team are caring for orphans in six different Ukrainian orphanages. The children's possessions are few and their needs are many. After hearing her speak, we collected close to \$3500 in cash and also pledged to send a 40-foot container to Ukraine, filled with much needed items for the children. We are now in the process of collecting some of the items that she has requested.



We are currently focusing on two areas - education and recreation. We are now accepting the following items:

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

backpacks

pens and pencils

rulers

scissors

glue

paints

notebooks

folders

coloring books

stickers

### RECREATIONAL ITEMS

bicycles

scooters (Not powered)

rollerblades

skateboards

balls (all types)

Games (NO READING required)

Perhaps a group within your church would be interested in collecting some of these items. It would be a great outreach project for your youth group. All items may be dropped off at the warehouse (Monday or Tuesday mornings, 9:00 - noon, Tuesday, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, and the second Saturday of each month, 9:00 - noon). Please mark all donations for Ukraine. Thank you, in advance, for supporting this worthy cause!

## Thank You, Thrivent!



OGT Maryland extends their sincerest thanks to Thrivent Financial for their continued support to our organization. Not only did they provide funds for our open house and "matching funds" for donations last month on Giving Tuesday, but they have supported us financially during every major fundraiser that we have had throughout the years, most recently our Bowling Fundraiser and Golf Tournament. Their support has greatly contributed to the success of our many fundraisers! So, THANK YOU, Thrivent Financial!

## Restaurant Fundraisers

Last year our restaurant fundraisers brought in close to \$2500. Please consider supporting us by dining out with family and friends. It's a win-win-win situation! You get to stay out of the kitchen for the day, you get to enjoy a relaxing time with friends, family and/or fellow OGT volunteers, AND you will be supporting our mission. Hope to see you at Brian Boru's on the 21st! Many more restaurant fundraisers are planned throughout the year. Plan to be there!



## Brian Boru Fundraiser - Tuesday, January 21

489 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park

410-975-2678 – online ordering available at 11:00 a.m. Event is from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

\$30 per person - \$10 of each order benefits Orphan Grain Train

# Orphan Grain Train †

*Enjoy your choice of the following... Lunch or Dinner (state that you're supporting OGT)*

### Starter

A cup of our traditional Potato & Leek Soup or Tomato Whiskey or beginner's Caesar or Garden Salad

### Main Course

#### **Whiskey Leek Chicken**

6 oz all-natural chicken breast, whiskey leek cream sauce, house rice, steamed mixed vegetables

#### **Norwegian Salmon Killek**

6oz Salmon topped with a Kerrygold Mustard Butter served with Basmati Rice and Smashed Peas

#### **Beef Stew \*\***

Tender chunks of beef stewed with red wine, herbs, carrots, onions, and celery topped with mashed potato

#### **Shepherd's Pie \*\***

Ground beef sirloin with onions, peas, carrots, in a rich gravy topped with mashed potatoes, and baked

#### **Severn River Sandwich**

Fresh mozzarella, roasted red pepper, spinach, tomato, green goddess spread, balsamic glaze drizzle, toasted ciabatta roll

**Dessert** - Irish Bread Pudding or Bailey's Mousse

\*\*Gluten free option

**Change in Warehouse Hours**



Our warehouse will no longer be open on the fourth Saturday of each month for picking up equipment through the Medical Walk-out Program, for donation drop-offs, and for packing and sorting. These Saturday hours may resume in the spring.

**WEATHER ALERT:** If AACPS are closed due to inclement weather, then the warehouse will also be closed. This will give us an opportunity to clear the parking lot and walkway of snow. Stay safe and keep warm!

## REFLECTION FOR TODAY



JOIN US IN PRAYER

Please remember our OGT community in your prayers!

- Our Volunteers
- Our Donors and Supporters
- Recipients of our humanitarian aid

Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and for an end to these wars.



## USED PRINTER CARTRIDGE PROGRAM



Orphan Grain Train accepts your used printer cartridges as part of a recycling program that provides funding for OGT. Please continue to bring your depleted cartridges to the warehouse when you come to volunteer, donate, or visit.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Orphan Grain Train is always looking for new volunteers. Many opportunities, both large and small, are available. For more information, please call 410-417-9674 or stop by the warehouse any Monday or Tuesday morning (9:00 - noon), Tuesday evening (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.), or the second Saturday of each month (9:00 - noon).



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